

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| THE MODIFICATION TO WESTERN |) | |
| KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY, A |) | |
| DIVISION OF ATMOS ENERGY |) | CASE NO. 97-513 |
| CORPORATION (WKG) GAS COST |) | |
| ADJUSTMENT TO INCORPORATE AN |) | |
| EXPERIMENTAL PERFORMANCE- |) | |
| BASED RATEMAKING MECHANISM |) | |
| (PBR) |) | |

O R D E R

This matter came before the Commission upon the motion of Western Kentucky Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation ("WKG"), for an Order establishing a procedural schedule and to expedite the review of its proposed gas cost adjustment to incorporate an experimental performance-based rate-making mechanism. The Commission having reviewed the record in this matter and having considered the motion of WKG, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The procedural schedule listed in Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed.
2. The motion of WKG to expedite the review, based upon the complexity and time needed to perform same, be and the same is hereby denied.
3. All requests for information and responses thereto shall be appropriately indexed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.

4. WKG shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, the Applicant shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

6. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.


Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



For the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 97-513 DATED JANUARY 26, 1998

All requests for information to WKG shall
be due no later than 02/06/98

WKG shall file responses to
the requests for information no later than 02/20/98

All supplemental requests for information (to
include only those matters within the scope of
the initial requests) to WKG shall be
filed no later than 02/27/98

WKG shall file responses to supplemental requests for
information no later than 03/06/98

Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed
in verified prepared form no later than 03/20/98

All requests for information to Intervenors
shall be filed no later than 04/03/98

Intervenors shall file responses to
requests for information no later than 04/17/98

Last day for WKG to publish notice
of hearing date 04/29/98

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's
offices at 730 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky,
for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses
of WKG and witnesses of the Intervenors 05/06/98